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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
MESSAGE

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE EIGHTIETH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto House Bill No. 1892 of the 80th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

House Bill No. 1892 jeopardizes billions of dollars of infrastructure investment and invites a potentially significant reduction in federal transportation funding. Projects important to fast-growth communities would be placed on hold without alternative financing mechanisms to get them constructed. Even more egregiously, the bill serves to break up the state highway system by permitting local control over state assets.

While I support greater local decision-making authority over transportation planning, I do not support turning over state assets to local entities. By allowing local entities to seize state right-of-way at any moment, H.B. No. 1892 prohibits the Texas Department of Transportation's ability to issue any road-based debt instrument, such as toll revenue bonds, comprehensive development agreements, and pass through financing deals. As a state that grows by 1,200 people each and every day, we must consider every viable option that will allow Texas to build a strong transportation infrastructure to support present and future growth.

I am grateful that legislators are working with me in subsequent legislation to address these concerns I have expressed about H.B. No. 1892 and look forward to receiving Senate Bill No. 792 without delay.

Since you remain gathered in regular session and continue to conduct formal business, I am delivering this disapproval message directly to you along with the official enrolled copy of the bill.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have signed my name officially
and caused the Seal of the State
to be affixed hereto at Austin,
this 18th day of May, 2007.

Rick Perry
RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams
Roger Williams
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
5pm O'CLOCK

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Secretary of State